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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA RECOGNIZES INDEPENDENT ANGOLA, CALLS FOR GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY

1. ON ONE-HALF HOUR'S NOTICE PRESS AND DIPLOMATS SUMMONED TO MEET FONMIN BANDA AT 1215 LOCAL NOV 11 FOR PRESS CONFERENCE ON ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE. FONMIN ARRIVED 15 MINUTES LATE, EXPLAINING HE HAD BEEN DETAILED AT PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING. BANDA THEN READ STATEMENT WHICH, IN NAME OF PARTY, GOVERNMENT, AND PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA, EXPRESSED RECOGNITION OF AND WELCOME FOR INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA. STATEMENT RECALLED THAT OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE HAD RECOGNIZED ALL THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THREE WILL STILL ACHIEVE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. HOPED MEMBERS OF OAU WILL OBSERVE ITS LATEST DECLARATION CALLING FOR ANGOLA'S IN-  
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DEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL

UNITY, AND NO EXTERNAL INTERVENTION. CONCLUDED THAT IN VIEW THIS OAU RESOLUTION, AS WELL AS OF DECISION OF HEADS OF STATE OF ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND BOTSWANA AND PRIMIN OF CONGO MEETING IN LUSAKA ON SEPT 13, ZAMBIA FEELS OBLIGED TO HONOR THESE DECISIONS. AFRICA URGED TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THIS CURRENT CRISIS AND TO CONVENE URGENTLY OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION.

2. FONMIN SAID THAT GRZ IS SENDING THREE IDENTICAL MESSAGES TO LEADERS OF MPLA, FNLA, AND UNITA. MESSAGES CONVEY GRZ GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS ON ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE, EXPRESSES SADNESS THAT FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA CONTINUES, AND CALLS UPON EACH ADDRESSEE "AS LEADER OF A MAJOR SECTION OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE" TO SINK HIS DIFFERENCES WITH OTHER MOVEMENTS AND FORM A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. ALSO CALLS UPON OUTSIDE POWERS NOT TO INTERFERE IN ANGOLA.

3. IN ENSUING BRIEF QUESTION PERIOD, FONMIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PORTUGUESE IN DEPARTING ANGOLA HAD NOT HANDED OVER POWER TO ANY ONE MOVEMENT. ALL THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WERE ADMINISTERING TERRITORY. ZAMBIA WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN ANGOLA "AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME." OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MUST MEET, AS CALLED FOR IN ZAMBIAN STATEMENT, IN ORDER TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR OAU PEACEKEEPING MISSION RECOMMENDED BY RECENT KAMPALA MEETING.

4. ASKED IF ZAMBIAN STATEMENT HAD BEEN COORDINATED WITH OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, SPECIFICALLY WITH FOUR OTHER STATES REPRESENTED AT SEPT 13 LUSAKA CONFERENCE, BANDA EVADED DIRECT REPLY BUT LEFT CLEAR INFERENCE ZAMBIA ACTING ON ITS OWN AND THAT ITS POSITION UNCOORDINATED WITH OTHERS.

5. FULL TEXTS ZAMBIAN STATEMENT AND MESSAGE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS NOT YET DISTRIBUTED AND WILL BE CABLED SEPARATELY WHEN OBTAINED.  
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